**Issue of Clothing.**

READ—

Government Order No. G. 2731-81—G. M. 21-28-10, dated the 28th August 1928, directing the continuance of the concession of the issue of clothing to menials at enhanced rates not exceeding 25 per cent over the usual rates during the year 1928-29

2. Letter No. R. O. C. 424, dated the 18th November 1929, from the Registrar, Chief Court of Mysore, requesting, in the circumstances explained, sanction to the continuance of the concession of the issue of clothing to menials at enhanced rates not exceeding 25 per cent over the usual rates during the official year 1929-30, also.

3. Letter No. B. 2636 of 29-30, dated the 19th November 1929, from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, requesting sanction to the continuance of the concession referred to above during the current official year.

ORDER NO. G. 7837-895—G. M. 6-29-54, DATED 4TH JANUARY 1930.

As it is reported that the price of cloth continues to be high Government are pleased to direct that the concession ordered in the Government Order read above be continued, during the current official year also.

R. RANGA RAO,
*General Secretary to Government.*

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## FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

**Reviews the report on the administration of the Muzrai Department during 1928-29.**

READ—

The report on the working of the Muzrai Department during the year 1928-29, submitted by the Muzrai Commissioner with his letter No. C. 651 of 1929-30, dated 28—30th October 1929.

ORDER NO. 1351-3—MUZ. 120-29-3, DATED 9—10TH JANUARY 1930.

Recorded.

*Amendment of Rules under the Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation.*—For the better administration of Muzrai Institutions, it was found desirable to enlarge the powers of Assistant Commissioners in charge of Revenue Sub-Divisions for dealing with cases of hereditary servants of Muzrai Institutions and of the Muzrai Commissioner in regard to the leasing out of the lands of the institutions. The powers of these Officers were accordingly enhanced by amending the Rules, in the year under review.

2. The Muzrai Commissioner states that it is desirable that the leasing of inam garden lands in Malnad should be for fairly long periods for ensuring efficient cultivation of such lands. He is requested to consider what modifications in the existing arrangements are necessary for achieving the object in view.

3. *Temples.*—The administration of the affairs of some of the important temples required attention and this matter received consideration in the year under review. The Sri Kalaseswaraswami temple at Kalasa is one of the well-endowed institutions in the Malnad and its resources and management are both capable of improvement and arrangements have accordingly been made to entrust the immediate charge of this institution to the care of a competent officer.

4. The management of the Sri Ranganathaswami temple and other connected institutions at Sivasamudram and of the inam villages of Purigal and Kaglipur endowed to them, by the Jahgirdar of Sivasamudram, left much to be desired. In the interests of the institutions it was necessary to take over under Government control the administration of the inam villages and the question of the management by Government of the institutions, which are in the Coimbatore District, is under correspondence with the Government of Madras.

5. The administration of the affairs of the Sri Biligiri Rangaswami temple in Yelandur required improvement in some respects. It was found necessary that the finances of this institution should be separated from those of the Jahgir in which it is situated. There has long been some uncertainty as to whether certain Inam lands belong to the Jahgir or to the temple. The question of the relative shares of the Jahgir and of the institution, of the cost of repairing a tank in which both are interested, has also long remained undecided. Instructions have been issued for reducing all these matters to order and the Muzrai Commissioner is requested to arrange for prompt action being taken in accordance with them.

6. The financial position of some of the Muzrai temples is unsatisfactory as their expenditure exceeds their income. Government are glad to learn that this important matter is under the consideration of the Commissioner and that action has already been taken in respect of some of the institutions to keep their scales of expenditure within their assured annual resources. The remaining cases of this kind require early attention and the Commissioner is requested to take prompt action to reduce their finances to order by improving their incomes if possible or by reducing their charges, or by the adoption of both these measures.

7. In the case of all institutions which are under the management of the Muzrai Department and whose incomes are paid into the Treasury and charges drawn therefrom, it is necessary to have a safe estimate of their annual revenues and to lay down definite scales of expenditure which they can afford to meet. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to see that this means of control is provided in the case of all institutions which are now without it.

8. Government are glad to learn that action is being taken to associate Committees of Dharmadarsis with the management of Muzrai institutions. It is reported that there are still a number of temples for which such Committees have to be appointed. The Commissioner is requested to have prompt action taken in this respect. It is stated that in some cases the Committee of Dharmadarsis have not evinced as much interest as might be desired. The powers and duties of these Committees have now been enlarged and Government hope that public-spirited non-official gentlemen whose assistance is sought as Dharmadarsis of Muzrai institutions, will co-operate with Government in maintaining them in an efficient condition.

9. *Manuals of practice and procedure obtaining in some of the important Muzrai Temples.*—These manuals are proposed to be compiled for the Sri Chamarajeswara temple at Chamarajanagar, the Sri Srikanteswaraswami temple at Nanjangud, the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at Seringapatam and the Sri Chennakesavaswami temple at Belur. The Commissioner reports that the compilations for the temples at Chamarajanagar and Melkote are ready. The work in regard to the manuals for other temples should be expedited. These manuals will be of considerable assistance in the conduct of Sevas and Services in the said temples as they would be authentic records of established practices and procedures and would thus help in settling points of doubts or difficulties that may arise.

It is reported that on the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, certain minor and village institutions in that district were handed over to the Village Panchayets concerned for management, under the supervision of Local Muzrai Officers. Government are glad that Village Panchayets are evincing interest in the care of Muzrai institutions in their jurisdictions and they agree with the Commissioner in thinking that this method of enlisting the co-operation of Local Bodies in the management of Muzrai institutions should, as far as possible, be encouraged.

10. *Training in Agama Shastras.*—A knowledge of Agama Shastras in essential for the conduct, on traditional lines, of worship in temples, but persons versed in these Shastras are becoming very rare. In fact, it has been found difficult to find persons qualified for appointment as teachers of the Agama classes of the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore. In view of this position, arrangements have been made for training, one in each of the three systems of Saiva, Pancharatra, Vaikhanasa Agamas, Pandits who possess high attainments in the respective Vedanta systems and allied subjects and are thus qualified for studying Agama Shastras and the rites and rituals enjoined by them. It is proposed to employ these persons, after they are fully equipped for the purpose, as teachers for imparting instruction in Agama Shastras to the students of the Agama classes.

11. *Renovation of Belur and Halebid Temples.*—The buildings of the temples at Belur and Halebid are of exceptional architectural interest and they had long remained without serious attention being paid to preventing their deterioration and to maintaining them in proper condition. The work of renovation of the Belur temple was started some time back and Government are glad to learn that it is making satisfactory progress. The Halebid temple required the same attention and arrangements have now been made for the systematic execution of all works of repair and restoration required by it. The Chief Engineer is requested to arrange for the proper supervision of the renovation works of both these temples and have them completed as early as possible.

12. *Mutts.*—The nomination of Swasti Sri Shrutasagara Swamigalu of Saligrama to succeed to the Peeta of Singangadde Basti Mutt was sanctioned by Government in the year.

13. Government are glad to learn that the Swamigalus of Sri Sivaganga, Sri Bhimanakatte and Sri Avani Mutts are making satisfactory progress in their studies.

14. The properties of a number of Mutts and of other institutions are being managed by the Muzrai Department and Government would be glad to have in future reports a brief account of this work of management. A statement showing the demand, collection and balance of the incomes of these institutions might also be appended to the reports.

15. The Muzrai Commissioner considers that it is desirable that Mutt in enjoyment of large endowments should render accounts of their financial transactions. This is an important suggestion and the Commissioner is requested to submit a separate report about it.

16. *Chattrams.*—It has been decided to save a sum of Rs. 1,500 from the annual grant to the charities at Tirupathi for extending the Chattram buildings there, with a view to provide more accommodation for pilgrims. The work of improving and extending the Chattram at Benares was completed in the year under report.

17. Government are glad to learn that Mr. Hasige Surappa of Talkad, who has made a substantial cash donation towards the Chattram attached to the Sri Agasteswaraswami temple at Tirumakudlu, made a land endowment to the same institution in the year under report.

18. Lokasevaniratha Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit made a donation of Rs. 8,000 for a Dharmasala at Mysore and a sum of Rs. 16,566 was sanctioned as a *grant-in-aid* from the surplus funds of the Nowl Krishnadoss Charities towards its construction. The building has been completed and made available for use by persons in need of lodging for short periods during their visits to the City.

19. The Muzrai Commissioner reports that a complete statement of all the Chattrams in the State to which Dharmadaya Inam lands are attached has been prepared and that he proposes to have each case investigated with a view to see if the conditions of the grant are being fulfilled. Government are glad that this action has been taken and they trust that the investigation and settlement of these cases will be completed early.

20. The report on the results of investigation into the cases of Nehimi allowances may be expedited.

21. *Ayurvedic and Unani College.*—The Ayurvedic College at Mysore was reorganised in the year under report by the addition of a Unani Section and of a Dispensary, with provision for treatment of in-patients, for giving clinical instructions to students under training in the College. Asthana Vidwan Vaidyaratna Gundlu Pandit Lakshmanacharya made a handsome contribution of Rs. 15,000 towards the construction of the College building. Government are glad to learn that he has made a further donation of Rs. 6,000 for a hostel to be attached to the College. It is reported that the Ayurvedic and Unani Classes have attracted a number of students and that the Dispensary attached to the College is growing popular. Government are glad to note that the Advisory Committee of the College, with its Vice-President Mr. T. G. Rama Iyer, have rendered considerable help to the Commissioner in the administration of the institution.

22. *Income and Expenditure of Muzrai Institutions.*—The aggregate income and expenditure of the institutions in the year under report were respectively Rs. 9,10,460-14-8 and Rs. 8,15,530-11-11 against Rs. 9,77,563 and Rs. 9,10,201 in the previous year. The balance in their favour at the close of the year stood at Rs. 11,94,572-0-9. The Commissioner is requested to see that the cash part of the balances not required for meeting the current demands of the institutions is invested at interest for improving their resources.

23. *Construction and Repair of Muzrai Institutions.*—Works of the estimated value of Rs. 1,52,604-4-9 are reported to have remained incomplete at the beginning of the year. The outlay incurred on these works in the year was Rs. 51,294-6-6. Works of the estimated value of Rs. 1,28,230 were sanctioned during the year and the expenditure incurred on them was Rs. 39, 075-15-11. The progress in the execution of Muzrai works is not as expeditious as it should be. As many as 145 works with estimates amounting to nearly Rs. 2 lakhs were still under construction at the close of the year. Progress in the execution of Muzrai works is, of late, being reviewed quarterly by the Superintending Engineers and the Chief Engineer. There are still delays, sometimes extending to years, in the execution of these works and the Chief Engineer is requested to impress upon the officers concerned the need for securing greater progress and for closing the works once undertaken, with the least possible delay.

24. *Endowments for Muzrai Institutions.*—Endowments in the shape of bonds and Savings Bank Deposits aggregating Rs. 45,137 are reported to have been made in the year under review for the benefit of or for the conduct of stipulated *Sevas* in Muzrai institutions.

25. *Pass Book and Income and Property and Quit Rent Registers.*—Government are glad to learn that the Pass Book System is working satisfactorily and that action has been taken to enforce the maintenance by all the institutions of the Income and Property register prescribed in Government Order No. 1795-7—Muz. 286-27-1, dated the 7th April 1928, and the inspection of this register by the Audit Staff.

Quit-rent registers revised with a view to bring together the Inam endowments of institutions wherever they are situated, will serve a useful purpose and Government are glad that the Muzrai Commissioner is taking action for having this revision made.

26. *Investigation into Inams of defunct Muzrai Institutions and Alienated Inams of Existing Institutions.*—It is reported that satisfactory progress is being made in the investigation of cases of this nature in the Taluks of Tirthahalli and Shimoga by the Special Officer appointed for the purpose. Similar work in other Taluks is required to be done by the respective Amildars and the Commissioner is requested to see that it receives prompt attention on their part. There are many instances of unauthorised enjoyment of Inam grants and all work connected with the investigation into them, with a view to the resumption of the Inams or to their restoration to the institution concerned, should be expeditiously carried out.

27. *Muzrai Establishment Fund.*—The triennium for which the existing arrangements in regard to the contributions to be paid into this fund and the expenditure to be met therefrom were sanctioned, ended on 30th June 1929, and the Commissioner's proposals regarding the revisions they call for, are awaited.

28. *General Muzrai Fund.*—As observed by the Muzrai Commissioner, the calls upon this fund are many and it is desirable to lay down clearly the purposes for which it might be drawn upon. The Commissioner is requested to formulate proposals in regard to the objects for which the resources of this fund might be utilised.

29. *Inspections.*—Government are glad to learn that the Muzrai Commissioner was able to inspect during the year a large number of important temples and mutts. The inspection of Muzrai institutions by Deputy Commissioners, Sub-Division Officers and Amildars is reported to have been fairly satisfactory. The inspection work required of these officers is clearly laid down in the Government Order No. 3067-80—Muz. 421-17-9, dated 3rd April 1919, and Government desire to impress upon them the need for carrying out these orders in full, every year.

30. The Commissioner observes that the work of inspection of jewels has not received all the attention it should, especially in the Bangalore District. He is requested to impress upon all the Officers concerned the importance of this work and insist on better attention being paid to it hereafter.

31. The report of the Muzrai Commissioner is a record of progress in many directions. A number of problems relating to the better administration of the department have already received attention and others are under consideration. Government desire to express their appreciation of the efficient and enthusiastic manner in which the administration of the Muzrai Department has been conducted by the Commissioner in the year under report.

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